

other health care professionals how to conduct regular self-examinations. It has been estimated that the death rate from breast cancer could be reduced by 30 percent if American women followed early detection guidelines.

This month, as we recognize promising efforts in cancer prevention and salute those dedicated individuals who are working to educate the public about this disease, we also acknowledge the importance of continued research. We express our gratitude, in particular, to those dedicated physicians and scientists and courageous patients who are engaged in clinical trials of new cancer drugs and treatment techniques. These Americans are helping to win the fight against cancer for all of us.

In 1938, the Congress of the United States passed a joint resolution (52 Stat. 148, 36 U.S.C. 150) requesting the President to issue an annual proclamation declaring April to be Cancer Control Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of April 1990 as Cancer Control Month. I invite the Governors of the fifty States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the American flag, to issue similar proclamations. I also ask health care professionals, insurance companies, the communications and food industries, community groups, and individual citizens to unite during the month to reaffirm publicly our Nation's continuing commitment to controlling cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6116 of April 18, 1990**

#### **National Farm Safety Week, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America*

##### *A Proclamation*

During the 1990's, our Nation's strength and prosperity will largely depend—as they have in the past—upon a strong agricultural base. The abundance of low-cost, high-quality food and fiber produced by our farmers and ranchers is vital to sustaining the health and well-being of the American people, as well as the Nation's economic productivity and competitiveness.

Tragically, however, those Americans engaged in agricultural production continue to bear a high rate of accidental death, injury, and illness. The costs in terms of lost productivity are enormous; the toll in personal suffering and loss is immeasurable.

Far too many farming and ranching accidents involve children, who are at increased risk from workplace hazards. Compounding the severity of many farming-related injuries and illnesses is the geographic distance

of farms and ranches from municipal emergency assistance. When an accident, fire, or other crisis occurs, the time that must be spent waiting for help can make a situation life-threatening. Injuries and death from occupational accidents and illnesses are all the more tragic because most are preventable.

Advances in science and technology have made agricultural tools and chemicals safer, but these advances alone cannot eliminate all the safety risks of farming. As always, farmers and ranchers, workers, and their family members must take responsibility for implementing the steps necessary to establish and maintain a safe and healthy farming or ranching operation.

Work-related injuries and illness often can be prevented through simple, sensible measures that involve little or no extra time, effort, or expense. These measures include the proper and consistent use of standard protective equipment; controlling exposure to toxic chemicals and gases; and training everyone on the ranch or farm in safety procedures and first aid.

The busy harvest season is a most fitting time to express our concern and our appreciation for the Nation's farmers and ranchers. During National Farm Safety Week, we renew our support for programs designed to protect their health and safety. All of these hardworking Americans should be able to reap the fruits of their labor with a sense of achievement and security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16 through September 22, 1990, as National Farm Safety Week. I urge all persons who live and work on farms and ranches to make their safety and health—on the job, on the road, at home, and at leisure—a priority. I also urge them to protect their children, not only by instruction in safe practices but also by personal example. I call upon agricultural organizations to strengthen their support for community health and safety programs, and I encourage all Americans to take part in appropriate activities in observance of National Farm Safety Week as we acknowledge the many contributions that men and women in agriculture make to our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH